# HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104

Heber, CA, 92249

## Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

# **MINUTES**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District was held at the District's meeting room and called to order at 6:01 pm y Director Garcia-Ruiz.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

Director's present at roll call: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., T. Sandoval, and D. Garcia-Ruiz. Also present General Manger Laura Fischer, Board Secretary Raquel Carrillo, Finance Manger Graciela Lopez, and General Counsel Steve Walker. Director Tabarez, Jr., arrived at 6:09 pm.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Garcia-Ruiz.

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director Nolasco, Jr., seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval

ABSENT: P. Tabarez

# 5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT: No Members of the Public Made Comments.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

- **6. CONSENT AGENDA:** Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public.
  - A. Approve Minutes for the regular meeting of December 15, 2016, and the Special Meeting of January 5, 2017.
  - B. Approve Current Demands for December 2016.

C. Approve Change Order Number 7 to the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$31,596.01.

The Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Director Nolasco, Jr., seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval

ABSENT: P. Tabarez, Jr.,

#### 8. REPORTS:

A. President and Director's Comments

Director Sandoval mentioned if a donation can be given to the Heber Drill Team. And if HPUD has coordinated with Heber Little League and Youth Soccer teams.

B. Operations Report for December 2016

Information only.

C. Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Update

Juny Marmolejo, Project Engineer, gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

D. General Manager's Report

Information was given to Board.

### 9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Information Only: Mid-Year Budget Review General Manager Informational only.
- B. Discussion and Related Action Regarding Request for Donation to Brown Bag Coalition Dinner Fund Raiser – President Garcia-Ruiz

Motion to Donate \$425 to Brown Bag Coalition Dinner Fund Raiser was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval and P. Tabarez, Jr.

C. Discussion and Related Action to Waive Ordinance 222 for the Purpose of Allowing Alcohol to be consumed at Tito Huerta Park for the One-Day event as requested by Mr. Alex Gamboa – General Manager

Alex Gamboa approached the Board introducing himself and mentioned that he works for Imperial County Social Services and other departments from the County do an Annual softball picnic for employees and their families. Mr. Gamboa asked if the Ordinance 222 HPUD has in place regarding Alcohol being consumed at Tito Huerta Park could be waived for one day for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball picnic held February 25, 2017. There were some concerns and questions from the Board, but after discussion a Motion to Waive Ordinance 222 for the Purpose for Allowing Alcohol to be consumed at Tito Huerta Park for the One-Day event was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/1

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval ABSTAINED: P. Tabarez, Jr.,

## 10. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Information Only: Sample Bill for residential, multi-family, commercial and public customer classifications – General Manager

Suggestion and Direction was given to staff. Any changes made will not be made until July 2017.

### 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am 940 W Main St., El Centro. The meeting in January is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. In February the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Luis Plancarte introduced himself to the Board.
- B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

**12.** The Motion to go into Closed Session was made at 7:23 pm by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Tabarez, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0.

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and P. Tabarez, Jr.

The Board reconvened back into Open Session at 7:58 pm. No reportable action was taken.

A. Government Code Section § 54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation

## 13. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was made by Director Tabarez, Jr., seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0 AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and P. Tabarez, Jr.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for January 19, 2017 were prepared by Raquel Carrillo – Secretary of the Board

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